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Fair Tonight and Sunday

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AERO PLAINES REACH WITHIN FIVE MILES OF LONDON BRIDGE

German Aviators Drop Bombs
on Greenwich. Shell War-
ships and Docks. Say Re-
ports From Berlin.

Recurring Zeppelin Expeditions
Hailed as Satisfactory by
Daily Newspapers Featuring
Accounts of Attacks.

LONDON, April 17.—A Ger-
man plane flew over Selby, in
Yorkshire, fourteen miles from
York, today, on the fourth
aerial "invasion" of England in
the last sixty hours.

BERLIN (via wireless to Say-
ville, N. Y.), April 17.—Official
statements from the war office to-
day declare that the German avi-
ator who bombarded Kent towns
yesterday, dropped bombs on
Greenwich, five miles from Lon-
don bridge, on the right bank of
the Thames.

The war office was silent as to
whether damage was done to the
Royal observatory or to the impor-
tant chemical and engineering
works in the town.

Greenwich is a London suburb
and from the Royal Observatory is
computed the longitude of the en-
tire world.

Private advices from Holland,
giving the substance of censored
dispatches of a confidential nature
from England indicate that con-
siderable damage was done in the
three aero raids on the English
east coast.

DROP SHELLS ON WARSHIPS.

Information of bombs being dropped
on certain docks on the coast, reports
of British warships protected by ship-
yards being shelled, and of the killing
of several coast guards during the raids
is contained in these dispatches.

Other details of damage inflicted by
German air men are said to have been
learned out of the cables by the censor.
The German aviators, who bombarded
Greenwich first flew southward along
the French coast, dropping bombs
upon Calais, and then crossed the
channel to England, the war office an-
nounced.

Newspapers in Berlin today are fea-
turing the news of the recent raids upon
English towns, giving as elaborate de-
tails as the war office will permit.
Satisfaction is expressed at the result
of the three expeditions, and the pages
devoted to the subject are being re-
printed by the censor.

"A French airship bombarded Stras-
burg, destroying some window glasses
and wounding six persons," says an of-
ficial statement from the Berlin war of-
fice today.

London Vigilant During
Night Awaiting New
Attack of Zeppelins

LONDON, April 17.—London and east
coast towns suffered from "Zeppelinism"
today.

In the excited minds of the Essex vil-
lagers, every cloud concealed a German
dirigible or aeroplane. Sensational re-
ports reached London almost hourly,
carrying fresh rumors of Zeppelin raids.
Early today, when the capital was in
pitch darkness, several telephone mes-
sages reported another Zeppelin attack
upon Essex and Suffolk. A German
airship, it was reported, passed near
Colchester, dropping seven bombs and
then flew over Ipswich and Felixstowe.
Several hours passed without any con-
firmation, and the admiralty announced
that the report probably was untrue.

A Zeppelin raid upon London was
fully expected last night.

Because it did not come, Londoners
are equally certain that the attack will
be made tonight. Weather conditions
permitting, consequently, all the pre-
cautions taken last night, when all
lights were extinguished and motor
cars patrolled all the highways into
London, will be observed tonight.

The admiralty was bombarded today
with exciting reports that German spies
had guided the Zeppelins in their visit
to Suffolk and Essex early yesterday.

Russ Grand Duke Shot in Quarrel?

Czar's Commander-in-Chief
Reported Wounded by Baron
Sievers, Who Kills Self.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville,
April 17.—Grand Duke Nicholas, com-
mander-in-chief of the Russian army,
was shot in the abdomen and seriously
wounded by Baron Sievers, commander
of the defeated Russian tenth army,
during a heated quarrel, according to
an article published today by the Duis-
burg newspaper General Anzeiger.
Baron Sievers, it was reported, then
committed suicide.

HUMAN SACRIFICES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Commissioner Sells Will Send
Agents Into Indian Tribes to
Conduct Inquiry.

Stirred by assertions of Mrs. Matilda
Coxe Stevenson, of the Bureau of
American Ethnology, that human sacri-
fices still is practiced by the Tewa
Indians, as published exclusively in
last evening's Times, Indian Commis-
sioner Cato Sells today set on foot
an active inquiry into the matter.

Commissioner Sells, after reading the
interview, called upon Frederick W.
Hedge, chief of the Bureau of Eth-
nology, at the Smithsonian Institution,
for all the information on the subject
he had in hand. An effort also
was made to communicate with Mrs.
Stevenson, who is at the home of a
friend in Rockville, but on account
of her illness, which brought her back
from her four years' stay among the
Tewa Indians, she will not be able to
confer with the commissioner for sev-
eral days.

Indian Bureau To Probe.
Commissioner Sells announced that,
as soon as he learned from Mrs. Stev-
enson the exact facts about the sacri-
fices he would send agents from the
Indian Bureau into the field to investi-
gate.

"Such a condition is almost unthink-
able in the twentieth century," he said.
"If it exists, the Indian Office will lose
no time looking into it. There should
be no red tape to interfere with an
inquiry of this kind."

Not for many years has any Indian
question so stirred both scientists and
those charged with the administration
of Indian affairs as the statement of
Mrs. Stevenson.

Criticism aimed at the Indian Of-
fice today for its failure to know of this
practice. But such criticism, Mrs. Stev-
enson stated, is not justified.

"Though one of the villages is only
ten miles from Santa Fe," she said,
"yet the Indian rites and ceremonies
are kept hidden from the white man
with a secrecy that is astounding."

Blame With Congress Only.
If there is any blame, Mrs. Stevenson
intimated, it is with Congress, and not
with the Indian Office.

"What is needed," she said, "is for
more ethnologists to be sent there. For
thirty years now I have been struggling
along alone. Many assistants might
have been used to advantage. We are
only beginning to penetrate the secrets
of Indian mythology, religion, poetry,
and social customs."

So far Mrs. Stevenson has declined to
revel the names of the villages where
the practices take place.

REVERSE ADMITTED
BY BERLIN OFFICE

German Also Declare They
Have Been Victorious at All
Points Except One.

BERLIN (via wireless to London),
April 17.—Hot fighting is going on at
four distinct points in the battlefield
in France, according to dispatches re-
ceived here today.

The war office officially admitted a
German reverse northwest of Arras,
but declared that at every other point
the enemy has been checked or pushed
back.

WILSON HOLDS CONFERENCE ON RIGGS CASE

Burleson, Brandeis, and Greg-
ory Attend Night Session to
Discuss Details of Pushing
Fight Against Bank Officials.

Administration Disposed to Car-
ry Out Full Investigation to
Find Possibilities of Perfect-
ing Government's Case.

An important conference over the
litigation between the Riggs Bank and
Comptroller of the Currency Williams
and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo
was held at the White House last night.
Information concerning the conference
leaked out today and it was learned
that in addition to the President, those
present were Attorney General Gregory,
Postmaster General Burleson, and Special
Counsel Louis D. Brandeis, who is
retained to defend the Treasury officials.

The details of the conference are not
disclosed in a general way. It is recog-
nized in Administration circles that the
controversy may have far-reaching po-
litical results. Secretary McAdoo has
been ill for some weeks and this has
prevented the President from getting
the full details of the situation through
him.

It is understood that the Administra-
tion is disposed to carry the fight to the
limit.

Phases of Struggle.
The fact that President Wilson is dis-
playing a personal interest in the case,
that he apparently has directed Attor-
ney General Gregory to back up the
Treasury officials to the utmost, that
the Cabinet discussed the fight at its
regular meeting yesterday, that the
Comptroller has intimated considera-
tion will be given to possible criminal
actions; that hundreds of other banks
have written letters giving moral sup-
port to the Riggs bank; and that there
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COMMISSION FACES FIGHT WITH TAX CO.

Suit on Valuation Expected to
Be Most Important in Utili-
ties Board's History.

Following the announcement of the
Terminal Taxicab Company of its in-
tention to institute proceedings in equity
to institute proceedings in equity in the
District Supreme Court to test the
legality and fairness of the valuation
placed on its properties, a question
which involves also the authority of the
commission to fix rates, the Public
Utilities Commission is preparing for
the most important legal battle in its
history.

The decision of the District Supreme
Court will affect not only the taxicab
commission to fix rates, but the Public
Utilities Commission, according to infor-
mation received by the commission, are
planning to take issue in the courts
with the action of the commission in de-
termining the valuation of their prop-
erties.

In the meantime, unless restrained by
temporary order of the court, there
will be no interruption to the considera-
tion of the rate question, the commis-
sion having announced in its valuation
order that "it was proper to assume that
the valuation was made for determining
what rates were reasonable." Conrad H.
Syne, general counsel, will conduct the
case for the commission. The Terminal
Taxicab Company will be represented by
Attorney G. Thomas Dunlop. The com-
mission on April 2 placed a valuation on
the properties of the taxicab company of
\$25,012.22. The total valuation to
which the company claimed it was en-
titled was \$32,428.

Notice is given also that the court
will be asked to set aside the valuation
order on the ground that the findings
therein and thereby made are not the
of any duly authorized or lawfully
constituted tribunal, commission or
other governmental body or authority.

Dirigible Collapses
Over Adriatic; Crew Lost

PARIS, April 17.—One of the two
Zeppelins Germany gave Austria fell
into the Adriatic while maneuvering
off Pola, according to dispatches re-
ceived here today.

Every member of her crew perished.

Full Harmony Between
Moslems and Germans

BERLIN (via Wireless to Sayville),
April 17.—The fullest harmony exists be-
tween the Turks and German officers at
Constantinople, according to a special
correspondent of the Copenhagen Politi-
ken, whose dispatches were received
here today.

Villista Besiegers Flee to Monterey

Carranzista Garrison at Matamor-
as Celebrate as Foes Re-
treat From Before City.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 17.—Vil-
lista besiegers of Matamoros are in full
retreat toward Monterey, apparently
intending to join Villa at Celaya. The
retreat began yesterday noon, and the
camp today is entirely deserted, while
the Carranzista garrison in the city is
celebrating.

Ed Morris, representative of the
Brownsville Sentinel in the Villista
camp, is missing, and is believed to
have been kidnapped by General Rodrigue-
z to prevent news of the retreat
from leaking out.

PAGE OF BEAUTIES IN SUNDAY TIMES

Likenesses of Girls in Contest
Show Judges Face Hardest
Kind of Task.

Another page of beauties—the like-
nesses of Washington girls entered in
the beauty contest now being conducted
by The Times—will be published in the
Sunday evening edition tomorrow, and
will further convince the admirer of
beautiful women that the judges in the
contest have no easy task ahead in se-
lecting the young woman who is to go
to the Pacific coast as the guest of the
newspaper.

With the attractive faces of the girls
whose photographs were published two
days ago still in mind, the Beauty
Editor went to his desk today and se-
lected, here and there from the pile of
pictures submitted, a dozen to adorn the
picture page of The Times tomorrow.
The contest is to promote interest
not only because it stimulated public
interest in the contest, but because the
contestants themselves were afforded
an opportunity to gaze upon a few of
their rivals.

The second page of pictures will be
equally as interesting, and from time
to time until the end of the contest.
The Times will publish the photographs
of a limited number of the beautiful
contestants, whose names have been
named them to compete for the great
trip to sunny California.

To Promote Interest.
For the benefit of recent entrants, it
is explained that the publication of such
photographs does not add to or diminish
the chances of any candidate to be se-
lected as the prize winner. The fact
that a photograph has been published
will have no influence upon the judges
in making the award, and the prize
journey may go to a girl whose photo-
graph has never been reproduced, or
vice versa.

The sole object in the publication of
a few of the photographs submitted in
the Times contest is to promote inter-
est in the contest, to permit the en-
trants themselves to gain a "beauty
page" acquaintance with their com-
petitors, and to give the readers of the
paper an idea of how many beauti-
ful women there are in the National
Capital.

Photographs are now pouring in to
such an extent that the Beauty Editor
can publish but a few of the many sub-
mitted. All photographs, however, will
go to the judges early in May and no
girl will be denied consideration of her
chance.

The pictures sent in are of all de-
scriptions, ranging from the ping-pong
and postal card likenesses to photo-
graphs in large frames which come
completely packed and with cautions
to their preservation. The Beauty
Editor wishes to assure that all photo-
graphs will be preserved and returned
to their owners following the contest.

Two Weeks To Run.
The beauty contest now has only
about two weeks to run. The winner
must make her start West about May
20, and for this reason it is planned
to close the competition early in May,
in order that the judges may have
ample time to consider all pictures
submitted and that the winner may
have a few days to prepare for the
journey across continent. The names
of the judges will soon be announced.

The Washington girl declared to be
the most beautiful will receive, free of
any expense, a trip to the San Fran-
cisco and San Diego exhibitions. She
will also make a journey to Universal
City, devoted to the making of motion
picture plays.

If the winner desires, she will be
given an opportunity to pose in a real
play for the attractiveness and the
educational value of a visit to the
great exhibitions on the Pacific coast.

The journey across continent, aboard
private cars carrying fifty beautiful
girls selected by various newspapers in
all parts of the United States, will be
wonderful and long-to-be-remembered
experience. The entire party of girls,
leaving Chicago about May 22, will be
properly chaperoned, and nothing will
be left undone which will look to their
comfort and safety.

If you know of a beautiful girl in
your neighborhood, let her be entered
in the contest.

FOREIGNERS ABANDONING MEXICO CITY

Shortage of Food Is Becoming
Acute—Carranza Asked to
Open Vera Cruz Line.

AMERICAN IS ORDERED SHOT

U. S. Sends Urgent Representa-
tions for Stay of Execution
to Constitutionalist Chief.

Foreigners have begun to abandon
Mexico City. Conditions in the capital,
where hunger is again arousing the
populace to threats of an uprising, is
believed to be responsible for the exo-
dus. Everything possible is being done
to get those leaving the capital out of
the country.

The Brazilian minister at Mexico City
advised the State Department today
that he is making arrangements for a
special train out of Mexico City to Ilo-
lo to carry about three hundred foreign-
ers. This train will leave the capital
April 22.

At Ilo-ilo it will be met by a train
sent from Vera Cruz under assurances
given by Carranza. Efforts are now
being made to get hotel accommodations
at Vera Cruz for the refugees, until
steamers can be obtained to bring them
from the country.

American To Be Shot.
Word was received at the State De-
partment today that Alfred Tappan, an
American citizen, is under arrest in
Yucatan, Mexico, and has been sen-
tenced to be shot. Tappan is a citizen
of New York.

Urgent representation for an imme-
diate stay of execution has been sent to
Carranza and the authorities in Yucatan
through American Consul Silliman
at Vera Cruz and the American con-
sulate at Progreso. It is not known
what is the charge against Tappan.

The brief dispatch received here
merely stated that he had been court-
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MINE RESCUE PARTY FAILS TO COME OUT

Five Entering Shaft at 9 Not
Heard From at Noon—Six
Others in Peril.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., April 17.—A
rescue party of five sent into No. 1 mine
of the Davis, Pocahontas Coal Company,
at Davis, McDowell county, soon after
an explosion at 9 o'clock this morning
had not been heard from at noon, and it
was feared they and possibly others had
perished.

The mining company claims to have
accounted for all but six of its men be-
sides the rescuers, but other reports
say a larger number are entombed.
It is feared the rescuers have perished
from asphyxiation.

Rumors that seventy-five men were
missing were circulated about the mine
as the rescue party entered.
The Government mine rescue car
reached Davis at noon.

Aliens in England Must Have Photos

British Authorities Adopt Drastic
Passport Rules to Stop
Enemies' Spies.

The Department of State has received
a telegram from the consul general at
London reporting that after April 25 no
alien shall enter or leave the United
Kingdom without a passport or docu-
ment of identity bearing a photograph
of the holder.

As understood here, the activities of
spies for the Germans and alleged spies
is what has led the English government
to take this step. Photographs have
not been required heretofore.

Will Draw Up Standard For U. S. Soap Materials

Because manufacturers are refusing
to bid on Government proposals for
soap materials on account of the ex-
ceptional nature of the Government de-
mands, Secretary of Commerce Red-
field has requested heads of the vari-
ous executive departments to appoint a
representative to confer with the
Bureau of Standards on a plan of draw-
ing up a stated States standard set of
specifications for soap materials.

Boy Who Threatened to
Kill Yung Astor Held

NEW YORK, April 17.—John Muer-
ella, thirteen-year-old boy arrested for
threatening to kill Vincent Astor unless
\$500 Astor paid him \$200, was held in
\$500 bail today for a hearing Monday.

Madagascar Hit By Violent Cyclone

Villages Razed With Great Loss of
Life—Crops and Livestock
Destroyed.

PARIS, April 17.—A violent cyclone
has razed several native villages in the
region of Sambava, with great loss of
life, the governor general of Madagas-
car cabled the minister of colonies this
afternoon.

Crops and large numbers of live stock
were destroyed.

MRS. ROCKEFELLER IN WILLAID CHARITY

Estate of Wife of Standard Oil
Magnate Is Valued at About
\$1,500,000.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Many chari-
table bequests were made in the will of
Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, which was
filed for probate today in the surro-
gate's court. Her estate was valued
at about \$1,500,000. She made specific
bequests of \$50,000, and left her res-
idue estate of \$1,000,000 to be divided
among the following institutions as her
three trustees may determine: Euclid
Avenue Baptist Church, of Cleveland,
Baptist Home of Northern Ohio,
Baptist Home Society of New York,
Women's Baptist Home Mission Soci-
ety.

Women's Baptist Home Missionary
Society, of New York.
Bureau of Social Hygiene.
Mrs. Rockefeller left her son, John D.
Rockefeller, Jr., \$100,000. Similar
amounts were bequeathed to her daughter,
Mrs. Rockefeller Prentiss, her daughter,
the wife of Edward Parmelee Prentiss,
of Chicago; Mrs. Edith Rockefeller Fel-
lows McCormick, wife of Harold F.
McCormick, of Chicago, and Margaret
Strong, her granddaughter, who is the
daughter of Mrs. Besse Strong, de-
ceased sister of the testatrix.

Lucy Speelman, a sister of Mrs.
Rockefeller, was given \$50,000. John D.
Jr., Mrs. Rockefeller left her jewelry
and other trinkets, directing that her
husband be given her "old ruby and
diamond ring" and other mementos.
Caroline F. Skedd, described as "a
friend," was left an annual life income
of \$1,000.

The trustees named by Mrs. Rockefel-
ler, who died at the Rockefeller estate
at Pocantico Hills March 12,
after her husband, son, and Mrs. Prentiss.

U. S. STEEL LEAPS BY BIG FRACTIONS

New York Stock Exchange Is
Scene of Another Tumultuous
Spectacle in Last Hour.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Ten minutes
before the close of the short session
today, the Stock Exchange was the
scene of another of the tumultuous
spectacles that have been common for
a week, when United States Steel be-
gan to rise by big fractions.

Steel, which had opened at 57, from
the first was the center of attraction,
the crowd around Booth No. 5 more
than equalled that around that of any
other stock.

As closing time neared half a dozen
brokers began to buy lots of 100 and
500 shares. A mad battle ensued, but
the stock was not forthcoming until it
began to near 60, near which figure
some big transactions were recorded.
When the high figure was reached there
was a tremendous cheer, but in a few
moments it subsided.

Railway equipment shares, principally
American Locomotive, held the bulk of
the interest in the earlier part of the
session, the stock finally dropping as
low as 55 as against 60 1/2 yesterday. It
soon rallied, however.

Brokers stated that the action of the
steel stocks proved that shorts were
being squeezed and were getting out
from under.

Zionist Ruler Loses His Fight on Tobacco Users

ZION CITY, Ill., April 17.—Prophet
Voliva, ruler of Zion City, has lost his
fight against all folks who smoke or
chew.

For months the air of Zion City has
been free from the scent of Milday
Nicotine, except in rare instances, and
in those instances the smoker instantly
was jailed or fined.

Judge Clair Edwards, whose office is
located in Zion City, has issued a de-
creed decreeing Voliva's dominion, to-
day entered a decree enjoining Voliva's
celestial cops from pinching smokers
and from prosecuting those already ar-
rested.

Will Draw Up Standard
For U. S. Soap Materials

U. S. WARSHIP SENT TO PROBE JAP ACTIVITY AT TURTLE BAY

New Orleans Will Ascertain If
Mikado's Battleships Have
Established Naval Base in
Lower California.

State Department Cables Tokyo
Explanation of Inspection,
Saying It Is Not Unfriendly.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels
has caused the cruiser New Or-
leans to be detached from the Pa-
cific fleet and sent to Turtle Bay,
lower California, to ascertain the
facts concerning the alleged es-
tablishment of a base there by
Japanese warships.

The State Department has cabled
Tokyo explaining the purpose of
the mission of the New Orleans,
and reassuring the Japanese gov-
ernment that the trip of the New
Orleans is merely to ascertain the
truth of newspaper reports, and is
not unfriendly.

The New Orleans is due at
Turtle Bay today. She is equipped
with wireless, and an early report
from her commander is expected.
MAY NOT SAVE THE ASAMA.

The report is awaited with intense in-
terest in government circles, and espe-
cially in navy quarters. The disposition
of the navy officials continues to be to
minimize the importance of the alleged
establishment of a base on Turtle Bay
by the Japanese. They take the view
it is for the purpose of salvaging the
Asama, which is said to be stuck in
the mud, and in a condition where it is
doubtful whether she can be saved.

Secretary Daniels said today he had
acted on his own initiative in the mat-
ter. Had he not made this statement, it
would have been believed that the Ad-
ministration itself had acted. Secretary
Bryan denied knowledge of the matter
other than newspaper reports. The
State department's reassuring cable to
Tokyo was sent so there might be no
misunderstanding.

Secretary Daniels wired Admiral
Howard of the Pacific fleet telling him
of the newspaper reports and directing
him to send a vessel to investigate. In
response, the admiral wired that he had
sent the New Orleans.

Left San Diego Friday.
It was announced at the Navy De-
partment that the New Orleans depar-
ted from San Diego for Mazatlan at 5
o'clock Friday morning. The official an-
nouncement further said:

"While en route the commanding offi-
cer was instructed by radio to call at
San Bartolome Bay for a few hours to
conduct a reconnaissance of the coast."
That back of these "visits of courtois-
y" is a purpose to find out whether
there is any warrant for the reports of
Japanese activity on Turtle Bay is well
known. It is admitted by Secretary
Daniels and other officials that the pur-
pose is to ascertain what the Japanese
are doing.

The New Orleans is commanded by
Commander Noel E. Irwin.
The following were received yesterday by E. C. Lorente, confidential
agent of the provisional government
of Mexico, from Col. Esteban
Sanju, military governor of Lower Cal-
ifornia:

The Japanese vessels are in San
Bartolome, and not in Magdalena
Bay. They are helping the cruiser
Asama. The so-called mines are
not mines at all, but buoys in-
cluding the 240-ton floating mines.
The camp on shore, referred to in
the press, is merely a camp of fish-
ermen.

Housebreaker Gets Ten
Years, "Joy Rider" Two

Arthur Warren, colored, was sentenced
to ten years in the penitentiary by Jus-
tice Siddons, in Criminal Court, No. 2,
today, on four charges of housebreak-
ing. It was the new housebreaker's first
act in giving a defendant a long term, and he
indicated that evildoers need not look
to his court for clemency.

George Carter, colored, who was
charged with "joy riding" with an auto-
mobile belonging to George E. Downes,
Comptroller of the Treasury, was sen-
tenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Wilson Going to New York

President Wilson will go to New York
Tuesday to attend the annual luncheon
of the Associated Press. He will return
that night. He will be accompanied by
Secretary Tumulty.